

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 660 without my signature.

I support efforts to increase the effectiveness of research, development and demonstration (RD&D) projects that will further the goals of the state in the area of climate change and greenhouse gas emission reductions. However, I strongly believe that creating yet another substantial layer of administration, as this bill does, will hinder, rather than support, the current coordination that occurs within the Administration on climate change RD&D, as well as remove the necessary flexibility we need to continue to react to topical issues and rapidly changing technologies.

California's state agencies, outside research agencies and other key governmental entities are leading climate change research and actively supporting greenhouse gas reduction technologies, while working closely with each other on RD&D projects at the planning and implementation stages.

I believe that maintaining interagency and stakeholder coordination, communication and technology research at all points of the RD&D process is more efficient than creating yet another layer of administration and assigning it the difficult task of overseeing the planning and execution of all research activities being conducted by all of the entities within the Administration engaged as such.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger